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For:	SPIN-VALVE THIN-FILM MAGNETIC ELEMENT WITHOUT SENSING CURRENT SHUNT AND THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD INCLUDING THE SAME		
Attorney Docket No:	9281-4223	Client Ref. No.	N US00101

TRANSMITTAL

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Attached are:

- ☒ **Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance; Request for Reconsideration of the Patent Term Adjustment - with Exhibits A and B (in duplicate); and**
- ☒ **Return Receipt Postcard**

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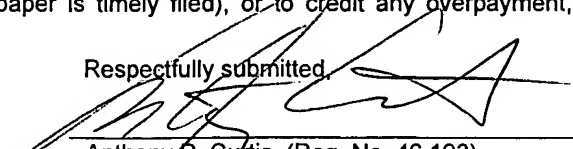
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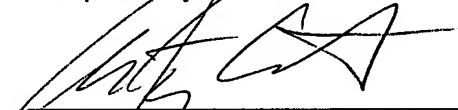
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REMARKS

The Applicant has reviewed the Examiner's reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowance and respectfully wishes to make of record a traverse of one of said reasons. In the last paragraph on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner has read elements of the specification into the claims, by including a component of the laminate not required by the claim language. Claim 1, for example, is in open format, as characterized by the word "comprising" in the preamble; it is settled law that only the elements explicitly set forth in the claim language of a claim in open format, or their "equivalents", are required for infringement. Specifically, the Applicant traverses the Examiner's assertion that a "protective layer" is a required element of the "laminate".

This response is timely filed, and the Applicant respectfully submits that this response does not affect the patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(c).

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